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BERLINER TURNS UP

The Genial Sol and His Instructive Yarns.

Sol Berliner, our old friend Sol of the steamer "City of Columbia" fame, struck town again on Monday afternoon, renewed old acquaintances for about twenty-four hours, and departed again for San Francisco en route to New York. Sol was a second-class passenger aboard the army transport Sheridan, having come from Manila, where he has resided ever since leaving Honolulu in 1899, at which time he, like the Arab of old, quietly folded his tent and stole away.

Despite the fact that Sol traveled second-class, he showed letters and newspaper clippings to prove that he can be rated as a "wealthy Philippine sugar planter" on the Coast on the ground that he is heir to a legacy of \$100,000.

Sol did not quite look the part of a rich man when he blew into town, for his collar was frayed and his shirt bosom displayed sundry dark tobacco stains as well as others which accumulate with travel. Furthermore, it would seem that although his brother died some time in February, according to Sol's statement, yet the heir has been so careless as to delay starting for the old town of Gotham until the middle of August. Sol hasn't received a red cent of that hundred thou yet. The father of "la Petite Rosa" who, at one time sang on the Orpheum stage, and whom he now declares, "is the only living American artist in the Philippines," displayed to his wondering friends yesterday, a copy of the Manila American of June 18, which had big headlines telling of Sol's windfall. The American gave the following statement of his luck:

Sol Berliner, "Mayor of Sheepcamp Bay, Alaska," ex-chief of police of the Benguet railroad and later a detective in the employ of the quartermasters' department, thrice killed—once by cholera, once by the head-hunters of the hills and once by the fiendish wielders of the bolo in the Dios dios country of the island of Samar—and a local character of renown, has overcome this varied assortment of vicissitude, and has come out on top with flying colors and a hundred thousand dollars legacy to his credit in New York City."

F. J. Sullivan, a sailor on the Wisconsin and Sol Berliner are old friends. Sullivan recently brought to Sol a letter which had been placed in his hands by Sol's son, in New York City, prior to his sailing for the Philippines, with the request that he search for its addresses in Manila and place the letter in his hands, volunteering the information that repeated attempts to communicate with his father had failed to disclose his whereabouts.

The letter was opened and this handy man, so cool in all emergencies, fairly lost control of himself as he read its contents informing him that his brother, Julius Berliner, who started life in New York City as a boot and shoe dealer and afterwards entered Wall street as a stock broker, had died, leaving to him and his, a neat fortune. To his wife, Julius Berliner, who died at the age of 83 years at his home on 18th street, New York, left a legacy of \$250,000 to his adopted daughter \$50,000, and to his brother Sol \$100,000.

The letter which Sol claims to have received from his son, was a model of its kind, and was signed by one "Charles Berliner, Alterman 26th Ward, New York City." The new official had not yet learned to spell his title.

In this letter the son is alleged to have written his papa about Julius' death and bequests, and the choice of Sol as administrator.

The son, in this letter, hopes that Sullivan, to whom he would entrust the letter, would find Sol, his father, and winds up with "Papa, dear papa, come home to us." This would indicate that Sol has been negligent in looking in upon his son, or even notifying him of his place of residence.

Then Sol showed another letter, which he stated was in answer to a cablegram he sent to his son, asking him to raise ten thousand plunks on his share of the estate. This letter sets forth that it is impossible to comply with this modest demand for cash, as under the laws of New York, no estate that had not been administered upon, could be mortgaged, and there was nothing to do but for Sol to come back home to New York and administer.

"So you see I am coming into a fortune," said Sol to an awe-stricken circle of friends. "You know I am building a \$50,000 theater at Manila, to be the finest structure in the Philippines, and, of course, we must have good people to play there. So I am on my way to New York to get a company of players together to take back with me. There's good business down there for a good theatrical combination. Rosa, my daughter, who played in Honolulu, is the best ever in Manila. She's a great singer."

And then Sol wandered off toward Nuuanu street to look up some more of his old acquaintances behind the swinging doors.

The arrival in Honolulu of the Berliners—Sol, Mrs. Sol and Rosa, their daughter—was a much-advertised affair in September, 1898. They arrived on the steamer City of Columbia from Seattle. On the same vessel was Edgar Cayless, the lawyer who settled down here for a few years and led the Home Rule leaders for a while; Russel and William Colegrove, and one or two

others. All the bunch immediately figured in a mix-up of legal proceedings in the Circuit Court. First, the Colegroves libeled the steamer because the captain had kept them prisoners in the chain locker. Then Rosa sued the captain and libeled the steamer because she alleged the former had her held a prisoner in her cabin. There were charges and counter charges, and then the sailors libeled the vessel. In the end the steamer was sold for a song to Captain Walker of Honolulu. She was a leaky old tub, but was patched up, and Captain Walker started to China with the craft, but the steamer gave up the ghost off Niihau and went to the bottom.

The Berliners had a family row because Russel Colegrove wanted to marry Rosa, but Sol put her on the Orpheum stage, where she warbled for a few weeks. Then Sol departed somewhat suddenly on a transport for Manila and began life over again. A few months ago Rosa, and her husband, one Berry, and Rosa's mother, passed through here on a transport en route to Manila. It seems rather a coincidence, Sol's homecoming so soon after his wife's arrival in Manila, but Sol's after a wad, so he says.

SENATOR BURTON AGAIN UNDER FIRE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Senator Joseph R. Burton, of Kansas, has again been accused of receiving compensation for the exertion of his influence before an executive department. The amount said to have been paid for the service is \$14,000. A report was today forwarded from the interior department to the department of justice, declaring that Senator Burton had accepted nearly \$14,000 for pressing Indian claims before that department.

The report follows an investigation into the alleged manipulation and irregularity of the Chickasaw national fund and school warrants. A number of indictments have already been returned at Muskogee as a result of this inquiry.

The disclosures which implicate Senator Burton are said to have been discovered while special agents were examining the school warrants' scandal which has bothered the Indian bureau officials for several weeks. The report furnished the department of justice with a list of twenty-six national fund warrants which are alleged to have been issued to Senator Burton and Z. T. Burton for services as attorneys. All were issued since Mr. Burton became a senator.

Six of the Chickasaw warrants issued in October, 1901, and aggregating \$5,500, were paid directly to J. R. Burton. This was seven months after Senator Burton had taken oath of office. Twenty warrants, aggregating about \$9000, were subsequently made out in favor of Z. T. Burton. It is alleged that the service for which these warrants were made out in payment was for pressing Chickasaw claims before the government. It is also contended that Z. T. Burton never appeared before the department of the interior and never practiced law in the Indian Territory, but that his name was used as a blind by the Kansas senator.

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